

GENESEE COUNTY METROPOLITAN ALLIANCE
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 18, 2023, 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

The Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance Committee met at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 18, 2023, in the Human Resources Training Room (G51) of the Genesee County Administration Building.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Johnson called the meeting to order 6:00 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairperson Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

Members present and absent were noted as follows:

UNIT REPRESENTED

Genesee County

City of Burton

City of Clio

City of Davison

City of Fenton

City of Flint

City of Flushing

City of Grand Blanc

City of Linden

City of Montrose

City of Mt. Morris

City of Swartz Creek

MEMBERS PRESENT

Pamela Howd

Mark Richard

Nate Henry

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. Beverly Brown

Martin L. Cousineau

Greg Hull

Tom Martinbianco

Duane Mosher

Eric Wiederhold

Josh Westfall

Mayor Tim Bishop

Patricia Lockwood

Mayor Sheldon Neeley

Rodney McGaha

Mark Adas

Brooke Good

Chris Douglas

Susan Soderstrom

Don Becker

Danielle Cusson

Aaron Burch

Steven Sorenson

Mayor Sara Dubey

John Gilbert

Charles Campbell

Argentine Township		Brian Saad Kyle Kurtz Shirley Kautman-Jones
Atlas Township	Paulette Johnson	
Clayton Township		Katie Vick Shelley Thompson Tom Spillane Matthew Karr Travis Howell
Davison Township		
Fenton Township	Kade Katrak	Andrew Marko Vince Lorraine Karyn Miller
Flint Township	John Whiteside	Tracey Tucker
Flushing Township	Bill Bain	Frederick Thorsby Mary Ann Price Rocky Fowler Lee Purdy Diane Hyrman
Forest Township Gaines Township		
Genesee Township	Tod Sorensen Robin Ackerman	
Grand Blanc Township		Joel Feick Loren Crandell Mark Emmendorfer Tom Tithof
Montrose Township		
Mt. Morris Township	Robert Johnson Brian Baxter	
Mundy Township	Kimberly Jimenez	Dewayn Allen
Richfield Township		Michael Simon Debra Ridley Leonard Marden Connie Chirich Eric Gunnels Nancy Belill Sherry Moore Angie Adamec Keith Walworth Vadice Burgett David Dorr Terry Gill
Thetford Township Vienna Township Goodrich Village		
Otisville Village Otter Lake Village		
Lennon Village Gaines Village		Connie Greene Melissa Neal Mark Sanborn Christina Nicholaiodes
Federal Highway Admin		

Gen Cty Drain Comm
Gen Cty Road Comm
GCMPC

Alex Patsy

Jeff Wright

Derek Bradshaw
Christine Durgan
Ed Benning

Mass Trans Authority

Shawnice Dorsey

Mich Dept of Trans

Jay Reithel
Brian C. Ulman
Trevor Vincke

OTHERS PRESENT: Jacob Maurer, McKenna Dutkiewicz, Renate Soto and Tommie Johnson

*****IV. MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 20, 2023 MEETING**

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Pamela Howd, **Supported by** John Whiteside, to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2023 meeting as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

V. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Ms. Tommie Johnson introduced herself stating she was attending on behalf of Flint City Mayor Sheldon Neeley.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

VII. PUBLIC HEARING

NONE

VIII. FINANCES

*****A. FY 2024 Dues for Local Units and to Pay Secretarial**

Treasurer Tod Sorenson stated that prior to the METRO Alliance meeting, the Executive Committee met to discuss the dues currently being paid by each local unit of government. The dues currently being collected are \$150 per local unit times 31 local units which equals \$4,650.00. Secretarial costs are approximately \$504 per month and with 10 anticipated meetings per year, the costs for the year would be \$5040.00. At this time, the Executive Committee is recommending increasing the annual dues to \$165 per local unit, which equals \$5115.00 per year, to recover this shortfall and to pay the secretarial \$5040.00, once dues are collected.

Motion: Action: Approve. **Moved by** Tod Sorenson, **Supported by** Bill Bain, to approve the FY 2024 Dues for Local Units and to pay secretarial \$5040.00 once the dues are collected.

Motion carried unanimously.

*****B. Finance Report**

Treasurer Sorenson gave an update on the financial statement ending September 30, 2023.

Motion: Action: Approve. **Moved by** Tod Sorenson, **Supported by** John Whiteside, to approve the Finance report as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

NONE

X. OLD BUSINESS

NONE

XI. NEW BUSINESS

*****A. FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #11**

Ms. McKenna Dutkiewicz stated Amendment #11 changes one (1) MDOT bridge project, changes the budget for one (1) local traffic operations and safety GPA, and abandons seven (7) projects in the FY 2023-2026 TIP. Six of the seven projects that were abandoned are part of Genesee County's illustrative list and are expected to be fully funded in FY 2027 of the next TIP cycle. Since TAC recommended Amendment #11 to this committee, there has been one additional change to the project in the GPA. This project was originally programmed in FY 2023 and has since been reprogrammed to FY 2024. At this time, the Technical Advisory Committee is recommending the approval of Amendment #11 to the FY 2023-2026 TIP to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance.

Motion: Action: Approve. **Moved by** Mark Richard, **Supported by** Pamela Howd, to approve Amendment #11 to the FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion ensued.

B. MDOT Final Group Transit Asset Management Plan

Ms. Dutkiewicz stated GCMPC has received MDOT's final Group Transit Asset Management (TAM) Plan for rural transit agencies. MPO's are asked to acknowledge the receipt of the plan and staff is providing it to the committee for review. The plan can be found on MDOT's website and any questions regarding the plan can be directed to Ellen E. Kent at MDOT using the contact information provided in your agenda packet.

C. 2023 Trail Prioritization Workshop Update

Ms. Dutkiewicz stated the Genesee County Regional Trails Prioritization Workshop was held on July 21. The result of this workshop reaffirmed trail priorities, documented changes and newly built infrastructure, and established new trail priorities going forward. The maps that were created at this workshop will be included in the upcoming development of the Genesee County 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan. Please contact Kris Garris at 810-766-6564 or kgarris@geneseecountymi.gov with any questions. Mr. Maurer stated that this workshop and the resulting maps were a visioning exercise, and the intent was to get the information out there, to see if we captured what types of trails the public was interested in. The maps are fluid documents and are not final.

XII. OTHER BUSINESS

NONE

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Bill Bain stated that the State House of Representatives has a package of bills, 5120-5123, which he states is trying to subvert local control over zoning ordinances. He would strongly encourage every municipality to study this bill package, draft a resolution opposing it and ask our state representatives not to pass these bills.

Mr. Mark Richard announced that METRO Alliance was nominated for the City of Montrose Citizen of the Month award. The next city council meeting is November 16, however, if members are unable to make it to that meeting, Mr. Richard can present the award at the December METRO meeting instead. Mr. Maurer stated that he would like to discuss this further with Mr. Richard after the meeting.

Ms. Shawnice Dorsey announced that MTA had recently received the Mid-Atlantic Clean Hydrogen (MACH2) infrastructure grant that will be used to improve and expand the hydrogen production and refueling center.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Johnson adjourned the meeting at 6:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Renate Soto, Secretary
Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission